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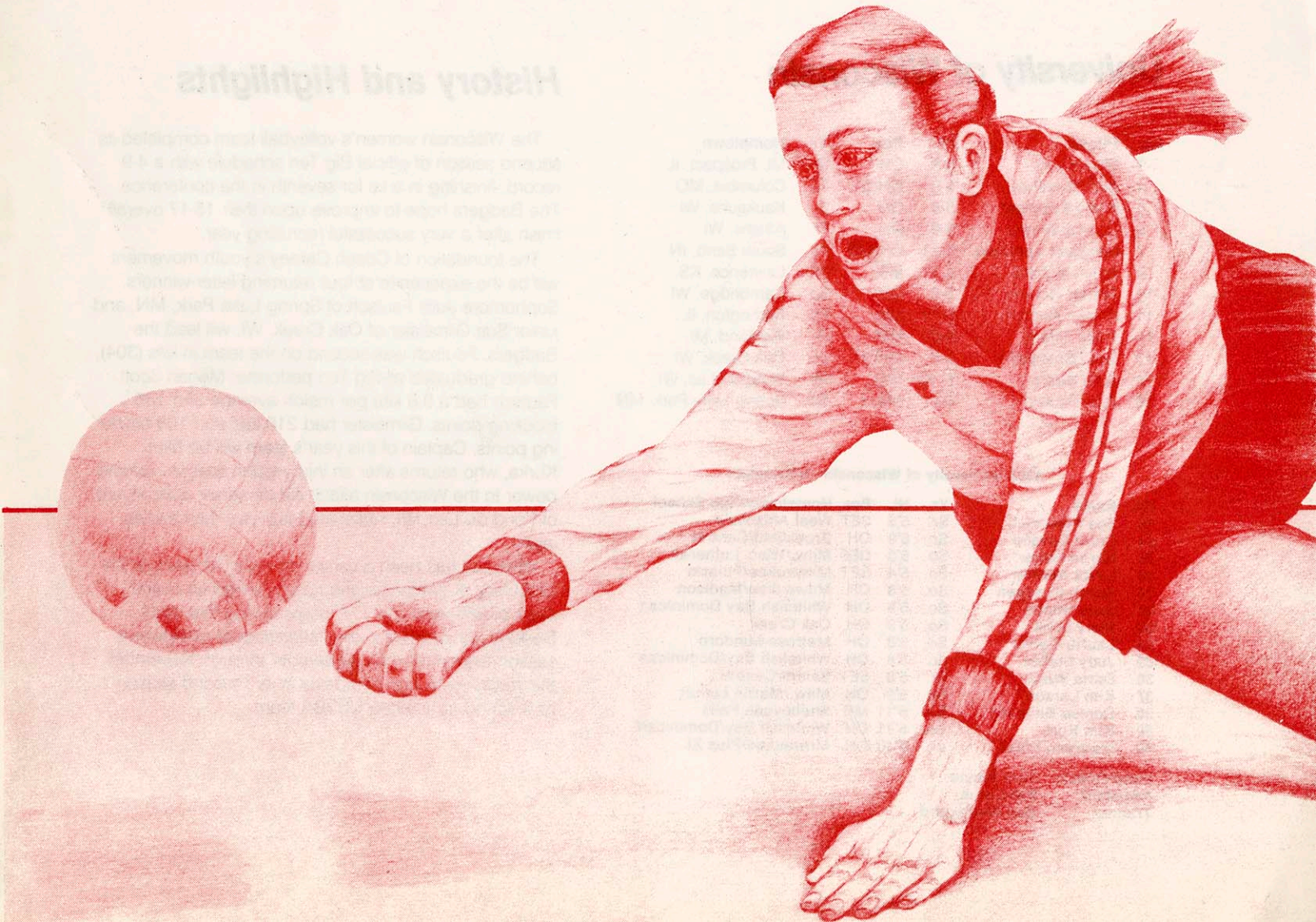
Wisconsin Volleyball



Coaching

Head Coach
Russ Carney

Former UW assistant Coach Russ Carney begins his third season as head women's volleyball coach. Carney came to Wisconsin from Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, MI, where he coached his 1980 women's volleyball team to the NJCAA National Championship Title.

The former U.S. National team member began his playing career at Kellogg and later transferred to Ball State University, where he lettered two years. Russ earned his bachelors degree in physical education from Ball State in 1977 and returned to Kellogg Community College as the assistant coach prior to coming to Wisconsin.

Besides the national champion women's team, Russ has had successful coaching endeavors with the Junior Olympics, where his men's team won the gold medal in 1980. Russ collected another gold medal in the 1981 National Sports Festival when he coached the men's East team to a first-place festival finish.

Assistant Coach
Mary Skudlarek

Assistant volleyball coach Mary Skudlarek begins her third season with the Wisconsin program. She has national champion competitive experience as a member of the twice NJCAA Champion Kellogg Community College volleyball team. She completed her education at the University of Illinois where she was a two-year letter winner and physical education graduate.

Additional coaching experiences include a year stint as assistant coach at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, MI. Mary has also coached in Sports Camp International summer camps, and coached the Battle Creek junior team to an 11th place finish at the 1980 Junior Olympic Games.

The South Bend, IN, native is enrolled in the graduate school of business at Wisconsin.

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No.	Player	Ht.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Mimi Kurka	5-8	OH	Sr.	Mt. Prospect, IL
4	Beth Sweeney	5-9	OH/ST	Fr.	Columbia, MO
5	Kathy Eppinger	5-8	OH	Jr.	Kaukauna, WI
6	Connie Venzke	5-9	OH	Fr.	Athens, WI
7	Margaret Kaminski	5-11	OH/MB	Fr.	South Bend, IN
9	Amy Lienhard	5-11	MB	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
10	Amber Norville	6-0	OH	So.	Cambridge, WI
11	Kristen Roman	5-11	OH	Fr.	Barrington, IL
12	Tracy Tiffany	6-0	MB	Fr.	Richland, MI
13	Sue Gilmeister*	5-9	OH/ST	Jr.	Oak Creek, WI
14	Julie Myers	5-10	MB	Mr.	Fond du Lac, WI
16	Julie Fautsch	6-0	MB	So.	Spring Lake Park, MN

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No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
15	Sue Potochich	Sr.	5'5	SET	West Allis/Hale
24	Carol Busche	Sr.	5'9	OH	Brookfield/Central
26	Karen Hauer	So.	5'3	DEF	Milw./Wisc. Lutheran
28	Linda Kremer	So.	5'4	SET	Milwaukee/Pulaski
30	Karen Knudsen	So.	5'8	OH	Milwaukee/Madison
32	Julie Hoppa	So.	5'8	OH	Whitefish Bay Dominican
33	Mary Look	So.	5'9	OH	Oak Creek
34	Laurie Carrie	So.	5'8	OH	Melrose-Mindoro
35	Judy Staffes	Jr.	5'8	OH	Whitefish Bay/Dominican
36	Daria Wack	Sr.	5'8	SET	Salem/Central
37	Kim Larson	So.	5'9	OH	Milw./Martin Luther
38	Denise Billmann	So.	5'11	MB	Sheboygan Falls
39	Kim Kort	So.	5'11	OH	Whitefish Bay/Dominican
40	Maureen Pitrof	Jr.	5'10	OH	Milwaukee/Pius XI

Head Coach: Tom Playte
Assistant: Pat Carus
Trainer: Sue Westegard

History and Highlights

The Wisconsin women's volleyball team completed its second season of official Big Ten schedule with a 4-9 record, finishing in a tie for seventh in the conference. The Badgers hope to improve upon their 15-17 overall finish after a very successful recruiting year.

The foundation of Coach Carney's youth movement will be the experience of four returning letter-winners. Sophomore Julie Fautsch of Spring Lake Park, MN, and junior Sue Gilmeister of Oak Creek, WI, will lead the Badgers. Fautsch was second on the team in kills (304), behind graduated all-Big Ten performer Megan Scott. Fautsch had a 9.8 kills per match average and 138 blocking points. Gilmeister had 218 kills and 105 blocking points. Captain of this year's team will be Mimi Kurka, who returns after an injury-laden season. Adding power to the Wisconsin attack will be senior Julie Myers of Fond du Lac, WI, red-shirted last year with a knee injury.

Volleyball has been a varsity sport for 10 years at the University of Wisconsin and has achieved an overall mark of 260 wins and 172 losses during that span. Besides participating in the intercollegiate competitive season extending from September through November, the varsity team also competes in its "second season" as a school-sponsored USVBA team.

All Time Records

UW Match and Game Records

	Year	Record	Pct.
Most Match Wins	1978	40-10-2	.788
Fewest Match Wins	1981	5-30	.143
Most Match Losses	1981	5-30	.143
Fewest Match Losses	1974	28-4	.875
Most Matches Played: 52	1978	40-10-2	.788
	1977	30-14-8	.629
Fewest Matches Played: 25	1973	16-9	.640
Highest Winning Match %	1974	28-4	.875
Lowest Winning Match %	1981	5-30	.143

Most Consecutive Match Wins	15	1978
Most Consecutive Match Losses	9	1981
Most Consecutive Game Wins	19	1976
Most Consecutive Game Losses	14	1981
Most Match Shutouts	none	
Most Game Shutouts	2	1979 & 1977

UW Coaching Records

Coach	Year	Record	Pct.	Big Ten	Regional	National
Kay Von Guten	1973-74	16-9	.640	—	5th	—
Kay Von Guten	1974-75	28-4	.875	—	5th	—
Pat Hielscher	1975-76	25-16	.610	6th	5th (tie)	—
Pat Hielscher	1976-77	34-14	.708	6th	5th (tie)	—
Pat Hielscher	1977-78	30-14-8	.654	2nd	5th (tie)	—
Kristi Conklin	1978-79	40-10-2	.788	5th (tie)	5th	—
Kristi Conklin	1979-80	26-15-4	.622	5th (tie)	9th (tie)	—
Kristi Conklin	1980-81	24-21	.533	7th	7th	—
Niels Pedersen	1981-82	5-30	.143	10th	10th	—
Russ Carney	1982-83	11-16	.407	6th (tie)	—	—
Russ Carney	1983-84	15-17	.468	7th (tie)	—	—
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UW Record vs. Big Ten 1973-83

Opponent	UW Wins	UW Losses	UW Ties	
University of Illinois	4	16	1	
Indiana University	6	6	0	
University of Iowa	5	4	1	
University of Michigan	5	4	0	
Michigan State University	4	5	0	
University of Minnesota	4	10	0	
Northwestern University	4	15	0	
Ohio State University	3	7	0	
Purdue University	4	8	0	
Totals	**38**	**75**	**3**	**.341**

Letterwinners, 1974-84

- -B-
Laura Baker: 1974-75
Kathy Belot: 1979-80, 1980-81
Kim Bertagnoli: 1975-76
Bev Buhr: 1974-75

-C-D-E-F-
Marty Calden: 1974-75, 1976-77
Suzie Ciancimino: 1976-77, 1977-78
Deb Coblentz: 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82
Kathy Cogan: 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84
Pat Fairchild: 1977-78
Julie Fautsch: 1983-84

-G-
Kathy Galligan: 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77
Ginny Garnett: 1975-76, 1976-77
Sue Gilmeister: 1983-84
Paula Graf: 1974-75
Anne Grambach: 1977-78

-H-I-J-
Cindy Hanson: 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79
Barb Heller: 1974-75, 1976-77
Evonne Humphrey: 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81
Mary Ann Jenkins: 1983-84
Carey Jensen: 1977-78

-K-L-
Nancy Kelty: 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84
Sharon Kenny: 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80
Sherry Kuhn: 1981-82, 1982-83
Mimi Kurka: 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84
Jane Lawyer: 1980-81, 1981-82

-M-
Cathy Marick: 1981-82, 1982-83
Joan Mass: 1975-76, 1976-77
Denise Maybach: 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83
Roxanne McMillen: 1975-76
Peggy Miles: 1983-84
Julie Myers: 1981-82, 1982-83

-N-O-P-
Betty Nagengast: 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81
Karen Nitsch: 1982-83
Janet Packard: 1976-77
Karin Pfannkuch: 1981-82
Joan Purcell: 1975-76

-Q-R-S-
Deanna Reilly: 1982-83, 1983-84
Sonya Rencevicz: 1981-82, 1982-83
Sue Schmidt: 1979-80
Julie Schroeder: 1983-84
Jamie Scott: 1974-75, 1975-76
Megan Scott: 1982-83, 1983-84
Laura Skaathun: 1980-81, 1983-84
Debbie Slowinski: 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80
Terri Suttner: 1977-78

-T-U-V-W-
Patti Walsh: 1979-80
Brenda Weare: 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79
Linda West: 1980-81
Terry Williams: 1975-76

-X-Y-Z-
Noriko Yokokura: 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79
Cathy Zorr: 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81

1984 Women's Volleyball Schedule

UW–Madison 1984 Home Schedule

Day	Date	Team	Time
Friday	August 31	EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	Sept. 6-8	at University of Texas Tournament	
Monday	Sept. 10	UW–MILWAUKEE	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	Sept. 14-15	at Kansas State Tournament	
Tuesday	Sept. 18	at Illinois State	7:30 p.m.
*Friday	Sept. 21	INDIANA	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 22	NOTRE DAME	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 25	DEPAUL	7:30 p.m.
*Friday	Sept. 28	at Illinois	7:00 p.m.
*Saturday	Sept. 29	at Purdue	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 3	UW–PARKSIDE	7:30 p.m.
*Friday	Oct. 5	ILLINOIS	7:30 p.m.
*Friday	Oct. 12	IOWA	7:30 p.m.
*Saturday	Oct. 13	NORTHWESTERN	7:30 p.m.
*Friday	Oct. 19	at Michigan	7:00 p.m.
*Saturday	Oct. 20	at Michigan State	4:00 p.m.
*Wednesday	Oct. 24	MINNESOTA	7:30 p.m.
*Saturday	Oct. 27	at Minnesota	4:00 p.m.
*Friday	Nov. 2	at Northwestern	7:30 p.m.
*Saturday	Nov. 3	at Iowa	7:30 p.m.
*Friday	Nov. 9	OHIO STATE	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 10	IOWA STATE	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 13	at Northern Illinois	7:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	Nov. 16-17	at Big Ten Tournament in W. Lafayette, IN	

**Conference Matches*

All home matches are at UW Fieldhouse except Aug. 31 which will be played in Unit II on Observatory Drive.